

## **SYSTEM OPERATIONAL REQUEST: #2005-6**

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**FROM:** David A. Wills, Chairperson, Salmon Managers

**DATE:** April 19, 2005

**SUBJECT:** Ice Harbor Dam Spill

### **SPECIFICATIONS:**

- 1) It is requested that the COE please provide requests for input on operations to all Technical Management Team Salmon Manager members and the tribes, as far in advance as possible in writing, to assure adequate time for coordination and response.
- 2) To the extent possible piggyback transducer installation at Ice Harbor Dam with the proposed spill outage at Ice Harbor Dam scheduled for Wednesday, April 20, 2005.
- 3) Compensate for any spill not provided at Ice Harbor during this outage by providing that volume at McNary Dam as spill during daytime hours.

**JUSTIFICATION:** It was brought to the Salmon Managers' attention this morning that the COE notified two Fish Passage Advisory Committee members via telephone call of an upcoming spill outage and altered operations at Ice Harbor Dam. The outage is scheduled for 8 daytime hours beginning tomorrow Wednesday, April 20, 2005. During this time equipment for the hose release mechanisms will be removed. It is requested that the reduction in the daily spill volume

due to this operation be compensated for by spilling during daytime hours at McNary Dam. A second project manipulation is expected to occur on Saturday and Sunday, April 23 and 24, 2005. Spill will be concentrated and limited to three bays at a time to facilitate the installation of transducer equipment. The transducer equipment should have been installed during the in-water work window, prior to the juvenile salmon migration season. To insure a minimum disruption to the juvenile fish migration from the proposed operation of only three spill bays, it is requested that as much as possible transducer installation be accomplished during the spill outage planned for April 20, 2005.